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To the Commissioner of Patents, The Patent Office, Washington, D C 20231

Dear Sir,

re US Patent Application Sn 09/170/234. Filed 10/13/98/ title Rot Protector.

Thank you for the notice of missing parts. I am in fact a small entity and am entitled to file with the small entity fee scale.

Accordingly I am enclosing herewith an Independent Inventor declaration, signed by myself.

I trust that this completes the file to your satisfaction. If you require anything more please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

John G Shaw.